

SCHOOL COUNSELING PROGRAM

The district's school counseling program shall be coordinated from the district office and shall provide high quality, comprehensive school counseling services to all students. Our programs are designed to help all students develop and enhance their academic, social, career, and personal strengths in order to become responsible and productive citizens. There is a commitment to individual uniqueness and the maximum development of human potential.

Through the skillful use of strategic, timely, and personal interventions, counselors customize educational experiences in order to enhance capabilities, close achievement gaps among high and low performing groups and support positive choices.

Our school counseling program reflects the continuum of student development K-12, recognizing that all children do not progress in a linear fashion. Mastery of basic skills facilitates mastery of higher-order skills. The school counselor utilizes a variety of strategies, activities, delivery methods and resources to promote desired student outcomes.

Philosophy of the School Counseling Program

School counselors are professional educators with a mental health perspective who understand and respond to the challenges presented by today's diverse student population. School counselors do not work in isolation; rather, they are integral to the total educational program. They provide proactive leadership engaging all stakeholders in the delivery of programs and services to help the student achieve success in school.

Professional school counselors align and work with the District's mission to support academic achievement of all students and establish a personalized path for each student that allows him or her to move fluidly from kindergarten to their post-graduation opportunities. This mission is accomplished through design, implementation and evaluation of a comprehensive, developmental and systematic school-counseling program.

Following a developmental approach, the program provides counseling services, which assist each student to make important decisions regarding his/her personal/social, academic and career choices. Services are best provided by offering appropriate information and a climate of understanding and support.

While school counseling services are focused primarily on working directly with students, it is recognized that maximum effectiveness is achieved through a harmonious working relationship with parents, teachers, administrators, and the community. Only through mutual concern and support can the goals be accomplished.

The school counseling program shares with the entire school system a commitment to provide equal services and opportunities without regard to race, color, creed, gender, or disability. The implementation of school counseling services at the various educational levels differs according to the developmental needs of the students.

School counseling services shall be available to students in grades kindergarten through twelve (K - 12). The School Counseling Program is based on developmental concepts and theories and recognizes the strengths of each individual. The program is preventative and proactive; it encourages students, staff, and community to appreciate the contributions, rights, and responsibilities of themselves and others.

The Fairview Park City School's Comprehensive School Counseling Program:

1. Is an integral component of the total educational process.
2. Is available to all students to assist them with personal-social, academic, and career counseling needs.
3. Stimulates student learning.
4. Encourages supportive, positive parental involvement in the schools.
5. Helps build a positive school environment by encouraging collaboration among counselors, teachers, administrators, parents and the community to further student achievement.
6. Is continuously refined and improved through systematic review and evaluation of student performance data.